GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:297
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DIVERSION OF FUNDS UNDER SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
Jha Shri Raghunath;Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Starred Question No. 197 dated December 5, 2006 regarding diversion of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan funds and state:

(a) whether diversion of funds amounting to crores of rupees has come to the notice of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) & (b) The diversion of Rs.53 crores came to the knowledge of Government of India based on Performance Audit Report of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), conducted by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05. Some instances have also come to notice through independent concurrent financial reviews conducted by Government of India. In cases of diversion of funds Government of India has directed States/UTs to recoup the inadmissible expenditure to the State SSA programmes.

The States/UTs have been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. Government of India has also institutionalized annual statutory audit of all States/UTs SSA Programmes and in addition conducts field level financial reviews and monitoring.